

National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC)

NIAC Chemical, Biological and Radiological Events and the Critical Infrastructure Workforce

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Overview

- Objective/Scope
- Approach
- Next Steps

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Objective and Scope

▣ Objective:

- Provide recommendations for keeping those who maintain and work in areas considered Critical Infrastructure (CI) safe and healthy, and ensure they have the tools, training, and equipment they need to recover, and keep CI working in the event of a chemical, biological, or radiological (CBR) emergency

▣ Scope of the activity:

- Identify CI operating personnel and CBR requirements
- Identify how needs are currently handled, specifically public health and emergency response organizations
- Identify gaps and solutions

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Approach

- Form Core Working Group that remains constant through process
 - ▣ NIAC members
- Form Permanent Study Group
 - ▣ NIAC POCs, NIAC Secretariat, Sector Specialists
- Form topic-specific Study Groups focused on:
 - ▣ Chemical, biological or radiological threats, vulnerabilities and responses
 - ▣ Impacted Critical Infrastructures
 - ▣ Critical Infrastructure Workers

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Approach (cont.)

- Topic-specific Study Groups to meet for six months, consecutively
- Proposed Timeline:
 - Biological Study Group to form first – Jan. 2006
 - Collect data, analyze gaps - April 2006
 - Report on deliverables, provide initial draft report for review and comment - July 2006
 - Chemical Study Group – July 2006
 - Collect data, analyze gaps - Oct. 2006
 - Report on deliverables, provide initial draft report for review and comment – Dec. 2006

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Approach (cont.)

- Radiological Study Group – Jan. 2007
 - Collect data, analyze gaps – April 2007
 - Report on deliverables, provide initial draft for review and comment – July 2007
- Final Report and Recommendations – July 2007

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Next Steps

- ▣ Gain consensus on focus, approach, and timeline
- ▣ Gain consensus on deliverables
- ▣ Initiate Biological Study Group

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Discussion

- ▣ Questions?

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